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North America Photon Infotech Ltd., a Mauritius	private limited
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Plaintiff North America Photon Infotech Ltd. ("Photon"), by and through its undersigned counsel, alleges the following against Defendants and each of them and particularly as its Complaint against Defendant DiscoverOrg LLC ("DiscoverOrg"), and each of the other Doe Defendants, individually and collectively ("Defendants"), and jointly and severally as follows.

#### NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is an action based on DiscoverOrg's fraudulent provision of false data that it has promised would be genuine and valuable, and also for breach of contract for failure to provide the agreed data to Photon. As a result of the provision of the false data, a substantial amount of Plaintiff's resources, in particular related to its marketing system and campaign, were wasted and substantial costs were incurred related to the use of the false and misleading data.

#### PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff North America Photon Infotech Ltd. is a Mauritius private limited company with its principle place of business in Quatre Bornes, Mauritius.
- 3. Defendant Discover Org LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principle place of business in Vancouver, Washington.
- 4. Does I through 25, inclusive, whether individuals, corporations, associations or otherwise are fictitious names of defendants whose true names and capacities are at this time unknown to Plaintiff. Each of said factiously named defendants, whether individuals, corporations, associations or otherwise is in some way liable or responsible to Plaintiff proximately thereby as hereinafter alleged. At such time as defendants' true names become known to Plaintiff, Plaintiff will ask leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to insert said true names and capacities.
- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendant, along with Defendants Does 1 through 25, did agree together and conspire together, with knowledge of their unlawful purpose, to take the unlawful actions alleged in this Complaint, and were acting within the full course and scope of their illegal conspiracy, with full knowledge and consent, either express or implied, of each of the other Defendants.

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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 6. This Court has general jurisdiction of all claims herein arising under California law in that the Defendants have substantial contacts within the state and harm suffered by Plaintiff occurred in California.
- 7. Venue is proper because many witnesses and documents are located within San Francisco and harm suffered by Plaintiff occurred in San Francisco.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 8. The "Photon Group," of which Plaintiff is a member, was founded in 1999 and is based is Chennai, Tamil Nadu in India with offices in the United States, Canada, Europe, Mauritius, India, Shanghai, and Indonesia. The Photon Group includes the companies Photon Tech, Photon Interactive, and Photon Labs.
- 9. The Photon Group is a digital innovation partner with over 37 of the Fortune 100 companies that provide architecture and application development, digital and mobile engagement design, and consumer experiences labs to their clients.
- 10. Since its inception, the Photon Group has had an extensive marketing system and campaign that has grown with the success of their company over past decades. This includes building and maintaining an extensive database of contacts for sales and marketing purposes.
- 11. DiscoverOrg LLC was founded in 2007 and is based in Vancouver, Washington, with offices in Bethesda, Maryland and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 12. DiscoverOrg LLC is a subscription service that offers its B2B intelligence platform that filter, fill-in, and clean out client's data to improve client's marketing and customer service. A key aspect of this process is that DiscoverOrg is to update existing contact information already in the possession of its customers to ensure it is fully up-to-date and not simply providing new data.
  - 13. DiscoverOrg advertises their data to be 95% accurate to its customers.
- 14. On May 11, 2017, Photon and DiscoverOrg entered into a contractual agreement where DiscoverOrg offered their services to Photon until May 11, 2018 to aid in Photon's marketing system and campaign.

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- Despite advertising themselves as providing accurate data to clients, DiscoverOrg has produced false data, including, but not limited to, fictitious emails and phone numbers linked to real Photon clients during the duration of Photon and DiscoverOrg's contractual relationship.
- For example, when Photon uploaded data from DiscoverOrg into its system, 16. DiscoverOrg replaced valid contact information of real contacts Photon had maintained for years with fake email addresses that sent any communications intended for the contact Photon previously had to DiscoverOrg instead. They provided over four hundred and fifty (450) fake data points that rewrote the contact information to redirect communications to domains owned by DiscoverOrg.
- At least twenty-five (25) such false identifications made their way into Photon's 17. marketing systems as a result of DiscoverOrg's provision of fake data.
- This false data has not only caused Photon's marketing campaign analysis to 18. suffer, which relies heavily on accurate marketing data, but makes DiscoverOrg's false data from Photon's true data undistinguishable because the DiscoverOrg's false data uses Photon's true client contact names.
- Photon did not have emails for over 5% of their contacts, and over 30% of their 19. contacts had no direct phone numbers, hurting Photon's ability to market itself based on the purportedly genuine data provided by DiscoverOrg.
- As a result, DiscoverOrg's fake data hugely disrupted Photon's marketing system 20. as well as their marketing campaign, which had previously been more effective than it was after the inclusion of the fake data from DiscoverOrg.
- Due to DiscoverOrg's inaccurate data, Photon has wasted substantial resources, 21. data, and time on a software they thought would aid in their marketing campaign, causing Photor, substantial damages.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (BREACH OF CONTRACT)

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21 above, 21. as if fully set forth herein

- 22. . Photon and DiscoverOrg entered into a written contract on May 11, 2017.
- 23. Photon performed all the obligations it was required to perform under the EULA and related Order form.
- 24. Defendant DiscoverOrg breached the contract by failing to provide to the agreed quality guarantee of 95% accuracy in their data and by knowingly providing false data despite its agreement to provide genuine data.
- 25. As a result of DiscoverOrg's breach of contract, Photon has been damaged in an amount which is believed to be \$47,920 plus additional costs resulting from the substantial resources devoted to pursuing leads based on false and fraudulent data in an amount to be proven at trial.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

### (FRAUD OR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION)

- 26. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21 above, as fully set forth herein.
- 27. DiscoverOrg represented to Photon that DiscoverOrg guarantees their data is at least 95% accurate to Photon in the EULA and advertised that its data is genuine, such as at: <a href="https://discoverorg.com/product/our-data/">https://discoverorg.com/product/our-data/</a>.
- 28. DiscoverOrg's representation of providing 95% accurate data was false, as were its representations regarding the genuineness of its data.
- 29. DiscoverOrg was fully aware that they would not be providing genuine data, making its statements about accuracy and genuineness knowingly false when made or, alternatively, it made the representations recklessly and without regard for their truth.
- 30. DiscoverOrg intended for Photon to rely on their inaccurate data to use for Photon's well-established marketing system and campaign and to substitute Photon's pre-existing data with DiscoverOrg's fake data.
- 31. Photon reasonably relied on DiscoverOrg's inaccurate data believing it would aid in their marketing system and campaign.

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- 32. Photon was and continues to be harmed by DiscoverOrg's false representations because of the losses and inefficiencies caused by the infection of Photon's marketing program with DiscoverOrg's fake data.
- 33. By providing inaccurate data, Photon suffered substantial damages in an amount to be determined at trial but believed to be in excess of \$150,000.
- 34. Photon's reliance on DiscoverOrg's inaccurate data was a substantial factor in causing their harm.
- DiscoverOrg's conduct, as described above, was a series of intentional 35. misrepresentations, deceits, concealments, or suppressions of material facts known to it with the intention on its part of inducing Photon to pay for software that would not meet Photon's needs or otherwise causing injury to Photon. DiscoverOrg's conduct, as described above, was despicable conduct that subjected Photon to cruel and unjust hardship, and that was carried out by DiscoverOrg and its authorized representatives with a willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Photon, notwithstanding DiscoverOrg's knowledge of the damages that would be suffered by Photon as a result of such fraudulent acts and omissions. DiscoverOrg knew that its fraudulent acts and omissions would directly affect and impinge upon Photon's business operations, cosung Photon substantial sums, and that it was completely certain that Photon would suffer harm. DiscoverOrg knew that Photon would rely upon its statements, representations, and affirmations of fact; knew that it was in the best position to know and understand its own abilities, or lack thereof; and knew that potential injuries might be suffered by Photon, Notwithstanding this knowledge, DiscoverOrg, in willful and conscious disregard of the rights of Photon, repeatedly and intentionally refused to correct said fraudulent acts and omissions in order to advance DiscoverOrg's own pecuniary and other interests. DiscoverOrg's fraudulent acts and omissions, as described above, were so willful and wanton, and in such reckless and conscious disregard of the rights of Photon, it is justified to award punitive damages against DiscoverOrg in an amount necessary to punish DiscoverOrg and to deter it from such actions in the future, in an amount to be determined at trial.

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#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (UNFAIR COMPETITION)

- Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21 above, 36. as fully set forth herein.
- DiscoverOrg's false advertising, fraudulent promises and provision to Photon of 37. false data constitutes unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent business practice by DiscoverOrg in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200.
- As a result of DiscoverOrg's false advertising and fraudulent promises, Photon 38. suffered damages in the form of poorly performing marketing campaigns, loss of valuable contact information data that was replaced by fake information and related damages.
- As a result of DiscoverOrg's unfair competition, Photon should be awarded 39. restitution of all sums paid and an injunction should issue barring DiscoverOrg from further provision of fake data it represents to be genuine.

#### PRAYER OF RELIEF

WHEREFORE. Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant and persons in control of or acting in concert therewith, as follows:

- On the First Cause of Action, for damages in an amount to be determined at trial, A. but which are believed to be in excess of \$47,920;
- On the Second Cause of Action, for damages in an amount to be determined at B. trial, but which are believed to be in excess of \$150,000;
- On the Second Cause of Action, for punitive damages in an amount to be C. determined at trial;
  - On the Third Cause of Action for restitution to Photon of all sums paid; D.
- On the Third Cause of Action, for an injunction to issue ordering DiscoverOrg to E. cease its unfair business practices and cease providing its customers with false data;
  - For reasonable actorneys' fees and litigation expenses as allowed by law; F.
  - for all costs of suit herein incurred; and G.
  - For such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper. H.

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# Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco Alternative Dispute Resolution Information Package



The plaintiff must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint. Cross-complainants must serve a copy of the ADR Information Package on any new parties to the action together with the cross-complaint. (CRC 3.221(c).)

#### WHAT IS ADR?

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is the term used to describe the various options available for settling a dispute without a trial. There are many different ADR processes, the most common forms of which are mediation, arbitration and settlement conferences. In ADR, trained, impartial people decide disputes or help parties decide disputes themselves. They can help parties resolve disputes without having to go to trial.

#### WHY CHOOSE ADR?

It is the policy of the Superior Court that every long cause, non-criminal, non-juvenile case should participate either in an early settlement conference, mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation or some other alternative dispute resolution process prior to trial (Local Rule 4.)

ADR can have a number of advantages over traditional litigation:

- ADR can save time. A dispute often can be resolved in a matter of months, even weeks, through ADR, while a lawsuit can take years.
- ADR can save money, including court costs, attorney fees, and expert fees.
- ADR encourages participation. The parties may have more opportunities to tell their story that
  in court and may have more control over the outcome of the case.
- ADR is more satisfying. For all the above reasons, many people participating in ADR have reported a high degree of satisfaction.

\*\*Electing to participate in an ADR process does not stop the time period to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint\*\*

#### WHAT ARE THE ADR OPTIONS?

The San Francisco Superior Court offers different types of ADR processes for general civil matters. The programs are described below:

#### 1) MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

Settlement conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. The goal of settlement conferences is to provide participants an opportunity to reach a mutually acceptable settlement that resolves all or part of a dispute. Mandatory settlement conferences are ordered by the court and are often held near the date a case is set for trial, although they may be held earlier if appropriate. A party may elect to apply to the Presiding Judge for a specially set mandatory settlement conference by filing an ex parte application. See Local Rule 5.0 for further instructions. Upon approval by the Presiding Judge, the court will schedule the conference and assign a settlement conference officer.

- 2) MEDIATION
- Mediation is a voluntary, flexible, and confidential process in which a neutral third party facilitates negotiations. The goal of mediation is to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement that resolves all or part of a dispute after exploring the interests, needs, and priorities of the parties in light of relevant evidence and the law.
- (A) MEDIATION SERVICES OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO (BASF), in cooperation with the Superior Court, is designed to help civil litigants resolve disputes before they incur substantial costs in litigation. While it is best to utilize the program at the outset of litigation, parties may use the program at any time while a case is pending. Experienced professional mediators work with parties to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution. The mediators provide one hour of preparation time and the first two hours of mediation time. Mediation time beyond that is charged at the mediator's hourly rate. BASF pre-screens all mediators based upon strict educational and experience requirements. Parties can select their mediator from the panels at <a href="https://www.sfbar.org/mediation">www.sfbar.org/mediation</a> or BASF can assist with mediator selection. BASF staff handles conflict checks and full case management. The success rate for the program is 67% and the satisfaction rate is 99%. BASF charges an administrative fee of \$295 per party. The hourly mediator fee beyond the first three hours will vary depending on the mediator selected Waivers of the fee are available to those who qualify. For more information, call 415-982-1600 or email adr@sfbar.org.
- (B) JUDICIAL MEDIATION PROGRAM provides mediation with a San Francisco Superior Court Judge for civil cases, which include but are not limited to, personal injury, construction defect, employment, professional imalpractice, insurance coverage, toxic torts and industrial accidents. Parties may utilize this program at any time throughout the litigation process. Parties interested in judicial mediation should file a Stipulation to Judicial Mediation indicating a joint request for inclusion in the program. A preference for a specific judge may be indicated. The court will coordinate assignment of cases for the program. There is no charge. Information about the Judicial Mediation Program may be found by visiting the ADR page on the court's website: <a href="https://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/dispute-resolution">www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/dispute-resolution</a>
- (C) PRIVATE MEDIATION: Although not currently a part of the court's ADR program, parties may select any private mediator of their choice. The selection and coordination of private mediation is the responsibility of the parties. Parties may find mediators and organizations on the Internet. The cost of private mediation will vary depending on the mediator selected.
- (D) COMMUNITY BOARDS MEDIATION SERVICES: Mediation services are offered by Community Boards (CB), a nonprofit resolution center, under the Dispute Resolution Programs Act. CB utilizes a three-person panel mediation process in which mediators work as a team to assist the parties in reaching a shared solution. To the extent possible, mediators are selected to reflect the demographics of the disputants. CB has a success rate of 85% for parties reaching a resolution and a consumer satisfaction rate of 99%. The fee is \$45-\$100 to open a case, and an hourly rate of \$180 for complex cases. Reduction and waiver of the fee are available. For more information, call 415-920-3820 or visit communityboards ore

#### 3) ARBITRATION

An arbitrator, is a neutral attorney who presides at a hearing where the parties present evidence through exhibits and testimony. The arbitrator applies the law to the facts of the case and makes an award based upon the merits of the case.

#### (A) JUDICIAL ARBITRATION

When the court orders a case to arbitration it is called "judicial arbitration". The goal of arbitration is to provide parties with an adjudication that is earlier, faster, less formal, and usually less expensive than a trial. Pursuant to CCP 1141.11, all civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$50,000 or less, and no party seeks equitable relief, shall be ordered to arbitration. (Upon stipulation of all parties, other civil matters may be submitted to judicial arbitration.) An arbitrator is chosen from the court's arbitration panel. Arbitrations are generally held between 7 and 9 months after a complaint has been filed. Judicial arbitration is not binding unless all parties agree to be bound by the arbitrator's decision. Any party may request a trial within 60 days after the arbitrator's award has been filed. Local Rule 4.1 allows for mediation in lieu of judicial arbitration, so long as the parties file a stipulation to mediate after being assigned to judicial arbitration. There is no cost to the parties for judicial arbitration.

#### (8) PRIVATE ARBITRATION

Although not currently a part of the court's ADR program, civil disputes may also be resolved through private arbitration. Here, the parties voluntarily consent to arbitration. If all parties agree, private arbitration may be binding and the parties give up the right to judicial review of the arbitrator's decision. In private arbitration, the parties select a private arbitrator and are responsible for paying the arbitrator's fees.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN ADE?

Litigants may elect to participate in ADR at any point in a case. General civil cases may voluntarily enter into the court's or court-affiliated ADR programs by any of the following means:

- Filing a Stipulation to ADR: Complete and file the Stipulation form (attached to this packet and savailable on the court's website); or
- Indicating your ADR preferences on the Case Management Statement (available on the court's website); or
- Contacting the court's ADR Department (see below), the Bar Association of San Francisco's ADR Services, or Community Boards.

For more information about ADA programs or dispute resolution alternatives, contact:

Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution 400 McAilister Street, Room 103-A, San Francisco, CA 94102 415-551-3869

Or, visit the court's ADR page at www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/dispute-resolution

TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE COURT'S ADR PROGRAMS, PLEASE COMPLETE AND FILE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO ADR AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COURT. YOU MUST ALSO CONTACT BASE OR COMMUNITY BOARDS TO INFOLL IN THEIR LISTED PROGRAMS. THE COURT DOES NOT FORWARD COPIES OF STIPULATIONS TO BASE OR COMMUNITY BOARDS.

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CASE NUMBER: CGC-18-571774 NORTH AMERICA PHOTON INFOTECH, LTD VS. DISCOVE

### NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF

A Case Management Conference is set for:

DATE:

MAY-08-2019

TIME:

10:30AM

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Decartment 610

400 McAllister Street

San Francisco, CA 94102-3680

All parties must appear and comply with Local Rule 3.

CRC 3.725 requires the filing and service of a case management statement form CM-110 no later than 15 days before the case management conference. However, it would facilitate the issuance of a case management order without an appearance at the case management conference if the case management statement is filed, served and lodged in Department 610 twenty-five (25) days before the case management conference.

Plaintiff must serve a copy of this notice upon each party to this action with the summons and complaint. Proof of service subsequently filed with this court shall so state. This case is eligible for electronic filing and service per Local Rule 2.11. For more information, please visit the Court's website at www.sfsuperiorcourt.org under Online Services.

[DEFENDANTS: Attending the Case Management Conference does not take the place of filing a written response to the complaint. You must file a written response with the court within the time limit required by law. See Summons.]

# ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SUPERIOR COURT THAT EVERY CIVIL CASE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION, AMERITRATION, NEUTRAL EVALUATION, AN EARLY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FORM OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRIOR TO A TRIAL.

YSEE LOCAL RULE 4)

Plaintiff must serve a copy of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package on each defendant along with the complaint. (CRC 3.221.) The ADR package may be accessed at www sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/dispute-resolution or you may request a paper copy from the filling clerk. All counsel must discuss ADR with clients and opposing counsel and provide clients with a copy of the ADR Information Package prior to filling the Case Management Statement.

Superior Court Atternative Dispute Resolution Administrator 400 McAllister Street, Room 183-4 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 551-3863

See Local Relea 3.3, 6.6 C and 40 B re stipulation to judge pro tem.